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Local Self-Government

Appointment of a Commissioner for the Peddapur Municipality.

* 696 *Q.*—Mr. C. Indrayya: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a commissioner has been appointed for the Peddapur Municipality;

(*b*) what the grounds are for appointing a commissioner;

(*c*) what the income is of the municipality and what its population; and

(*d*) what the pay is of the commissioner?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The appointment was made in conformity with the provisions of the Madras District Municipalities Act, as amended by the Legislative Council.

(*c*) The ordinary receipts in the current year were estimated at Rs. 46,780. The population is 17,338.

(*d*) The pay of the commissioner is Rs. 125 per mensem.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—" Apart from the municipalities mentioned in the schedule for which executive officers have been appointed, may I know the names of the other municipalities for which commissioners have been appointed? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" I am afraid I cannot give the figures off-hand. That question has been answered twice in the Council recently."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" Will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to say whether any notice is given to council or chairman of the municipality before orders with regard to the appointment of a commissioner are issued? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" Before the commissioner is posted, we intimate it to the chairman of the municipality."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" Do the Government think it worth while to communicate beforehand to the chairman of the municipality or the municipal council before they issue orders of appointment? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:— " No Sir; the Government do not propose to give any previous notice."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" Will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to state the test and the reasons for appointing commissioners for municipilities other than those mentioned in the Act? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" The appointments are made in pursuance of the legislation passed by this house. The test is the interest of the administration."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—" May I know whether the municipality concerned is consulted beforehand and is taken into confidence with regard to the appointment of the commissioner? "

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The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"That is not being done; the Government do not think any useful purpose will be served by so doing."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I ask by what time the Government propose to complete these appointments for all the municipalities in the Presidency?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"We cannot fix a definite time. As soon as competent men are available, more municipalities will be brought under the provisions of the Act."

Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU:—"Will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to state whether the Cocanada Municipality did not protest that it was not previously consulted?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I am not aware of it; but there have been protests from certain municipalities."

Protest by the Peddapur Municipality against the appointment of a Commissioner.

* 697 *Q.*—Mr. C. INDRAYYA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any order to the Peddapur Municipality to show cause why a Commissioner should not be appointed;

(*b*) whether the municipal council protested against the appointment of the commissioner; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House the correspondence, if any, that passed between the Government and the Municipal Council?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) A representation was received after orders appointing a commissioner were issued.

(*c*) No. The Government consider that no useful purpose will be served by placing the correspondence on the table of the House.

Road Development schemes.

* 698 *Q.*—Mr. W. W. LADDEN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have yet reached a decision with regard to taking advantage of the favourable offer made by the hon. Member for Finance of the Government of India at the Road-Rail Conference in April last for the financing of road development schemes by means of loans;

(*b*) if so, what road development schemes are in contemplation;

(*c*) what stage has consideration of the subject of co-ordination of the means of communication in the Presidency reached;